

ANNIE BEACH.

JANUARY 22, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CROWTHER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 2214.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2214) granting a pension to Annie Beach, report thereon as follows:

This beneficiary is the sister of Alexander Beach, who served as captain of Company E, Thirteenth New York Volunteer Heavy Artillery, from March 10, 1864, to August 10, 1864, when he died in hospital, from typhoid fever, leaving no widow or minor children, but leaving a mother, father, and this sister, then 14 years of age. The mother filed a claim June 20, 1882, and was pensioned at \$20 per month, total of her son's rank as captain, until she died. The father then filed a claim and was pensioned until his death. The claimant has been judicially declared an imbecile, and is helpless and destitute. She was cared for by her mother and father while they lived, but now has no property and no one legally bound for her support.

No one is now pensioned on account of the service and death of this officer, who sacrificed his life for his country, and it is therefore recommended that the bill do pass, after being amended as follows:

Strike out all after the name "Annie Beach," in line 5, and substitute the following: "imbecile and dependent sister of Alexander J. Beach, late captain of Company E, Thirteenth New York Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and to pay her, through her legally constituted guardian, a pension of twenty dollars per month."